Dowry victimisation

2939. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the centre for Social Science Research has conducted a study recently on dowry victimisation, in the context of various steps taken by Government and various voluntary agencies;

(b) if so, whether the study reveals that these efforts have failed to cut much ice;

(c) what are the comparative figures collected in the course of the study; and

(d) what preventive steps have been taken by Government to minimise the dowry deaths?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The study indicates that further efforts are required at the policy, legislation and social levels for effective implementation of the Act.

(c) The study points out among other things that the Delhi Police registered the cases relating to Dowry as follows:—

1982	37
1983	42
1984	108
1985	190
1986	103

(d) The Dowry Prohibition Act was again amended in 1986—this time comprehensively—with a view to making penal provisions more stringent and effective widening their scope. Consequential amendments have been made in the criminal laws in keeping with these amendments. Mass media campaigns against social evils have also been stepped up. The Minister of State for Women & Child Development has addressed a letter to all the Chief Ministers of the States/UTs requesting them to have the law and order machinery geared up in order to effectively carry out the amended laws. For this purpose, training and orientation of police officers is essential. The Chief Ministers have accordingly been requested to give serious thought to this suggestion so that the police machinery is in step with the new laws.

Visit of Minister of Civil Aviation to Bombay for attending the meeting of Indian Airlines Advisory Board

2940. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:
SHRI SHARAD YADAV:
SHRI J. P. GOYAL:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether on June 26, 1987 the Minister of Civil Aviation accompanied by some officials visited Bombay to participate in a meeting of the Indian Airlines Advisory Board and an expenditure of over Rs. 25,000 was incurred for two days' stay at the Hotel Oberoi Towers; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof, stating the names with ranks of the officers accompanying the Minister for Civil Aviation, the rate of the tariff in respect of suites occupied by the party in Hotel Oberoi Towers to be shown saparately, the expenditure incurred by each of the party mem-